Jeff Carruth

John H. Lovell, SBN: 12609300 Joe Lovell, SBN: 12609100

Joe Lovell, SBN: 12609100 State Bar No. 24001846 Deborah D. Reeves, SBN: 24006668 WEYCER, KAPLAN, J

Deborah D. Reeves, SBN: 24006668 WEYCER, KAPLAN, PULASKI & ZUBER, P.C. LOVELL, LOVELL, NEWSOM & ISERN L.L.P. 3030 Matlock Rd., Suite 201

112 West 8th Ave., Suite 1000 Amarillo, Texas 79101-2314 Telephone: 806/373-1515 Facsimile: 806/379-7176 3030 Matlock Rd., Suite 201 Arlington, Texas 76015 Phone: (817) 795-5046 Facsimile: (866) 666-5322 jcarruth@wkpz.com

ATTORNEYS FOR ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE FRANCES E. MADDOX ESTATE, AND ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, INDIVIDUALLY

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AMARILLO DIVISION

IN RE	§	
	§	
AMERICAN HOUSING	§	Case No. 09-20232-rlj-11
FOUNDATION, INC.,	§	
	<b>§</b>	
Debtor	§	

OBJECTION OF ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, EXECUTOR OF THE FRANCES E. MADDOX ESTATE, AND ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, INDIVIDUALLY, TO MOTION FOR INTERIM PAYMENT ON FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF FOCUS MANAGEMENT GROUP USA, INC. (RE: DOCKET 2684)

# TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT L. JONES, U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Robert L. Templeton, Independent Executor of the Frances E. Maddox Estate and Robert L. Templeton individually (together, "Templeton") file the following objection (the "Objection") to the *Motion For Interim Payment on Final Fee Application of Focus Management Group USA*, *Inc.* (Docket No. 2684) (the "Motion") and filed herein by Walter O'Cheskey, the Liquidating Trustee ("O'Cheskey" or the "Trustee") and in support of such objection Templeton would show the following.

1. The Court should not enter an interim order allowing additional pre-Effective

Date fees of Focus, even if the lack of an interim order on the final fee application of Focus so

Case 09-20232-rlj11 Doc 2700 Filed 06/07/11 Entered 06/07/11 21:24:27 Desc Main Document Page 2 of 5

Main Document Page 2 of 5

far is a clerical oversight. The unsecured creditors in this case, Class 15 and Class 17 alike,

simply cannot withstand the further dissipation of the insurance proceeds in the Liquidating Trust

by further payment of fees for the professionals of the Chapter 11 Trustee and/or Liquidating

Trustee.

2. Gardere, Tarbox, and Focus are draining the estate at an astonishing rate.

Through April, 2011, the combined fees for Gardere, Tarbox, and Focus for the entire case to

date exceed \$4.5 million. See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Gardere's fees for May, 2011 are still unrevealed. Considering the pace of the charges, no further

fees should be paid whatsoever pending the conclusion of the litigation that is the primary source

of the fees sought by the professionals and a determination whether any amounts paid Gardere,

Focus, and Tarbox must be disgorged.

3. Is it is clear that the total professional fees to be sought in this case is on track to

top \$9 million at the present rate and taking into consideration the tasks defined by Mr. McCartin

for the Liquidating Trust and the genuine tasks of this case which remain unfulfilled.

4. At a minimum, the Court should delay the decision whether to enter an interim

order on the final fee application of Focus until the Court next takes up the fees issue on July 14,

2011.

5. The Court also should be made aware at this point that the post-Effective Date

fees sought by Gardere from the Liquidating Trustee include more than \$100,000 in charges for

defending Gardere's pre-Effective Date fee applications. The defense of the fee applications

should have been included with, and then allowed by the Court in conjunction with, the pre-

Effective Date final fee applications, and not as current charges that Gardere attempts to assess

against the Liquidating Trust.

OBJECTION OF ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, EXECUTOR OF THE FRANCES E. MADDOX ESTATE, AND ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, INDIVIDUALLY, TO MOTION FOR INTERIM PAYMENT ON FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF FOCUS MANAGEMENT GROUP USA, INC. (DOCKET 2684) — Page 2 of 5

WHEREFORE, Robert L. Templeton, Independent Executor of the Frances E. Maddox Estate and Robert L. Templeton, individually, respectfully request that the Court deny the Motion. Templeton requests such other and further relief to which he is entitled at law or in equity.

Dated: June 7, 2011 Respectfully submitted,

LOVELL, LOVELL, NEWSOM & ISERN, L.L.P.

Joe L. Lovell, SBT: 12609100 John H. Lovell, SBT: 12609300 Deborah D. Reeves, SBT: 24006668 112 West 8th Avenue, Suite 1000 Amarillo, Texas 79101-2314

Telephone: (806) 373-1515 Facsimile: (806) 379-7176

By: /s/ John H. Lovell
John H. Lovell

- and -

WEYCER, KAPLAN, PULASKI & ZUBER, P.C.

By: /s/ Jeff Carruth

JEFF CARRUTH

State Bar No. 24001846

3030 Matlock Rd., Suite 201

Arlington, Texas 76015

Phone: (817) 795-5046

Facsimile: (866) 666-5322

jcarruth@wkpz.com

ATTORNEYS FOR ROBERT L. TEMPLETON, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE FRANCES E. MADDOX ESTATE AND ROBERT L. TEMPLETON INDIVIDUALLY

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed by regular first class mail, postage prepaid and/or sent via ECF on June 7, 2011 to the following listed parties in interest:

Steve A. McCartin Dan Scott Barry Golden Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP 1601 Elm Street, Suite 3000 Dallas, Texas 75201

Max R. Tarbox Tarbox Law, P.C. 2301 Broadway Lubbock, Texas 79401

Walter O'Cheskey P. O. Box 64456 Lubbock, Texas 79464

U. S. Trustee 1100 Commerce, Room 976 Dallas, Texas 75242

/s/ Jeff Carruth
One of Counsel

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### FEES OF TRUSTEE'S PRIMARY PROFESSIONALS

	2010								2011					
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	TOTAL	
Gardere	\$125,524.17	\$201,284.13	\$218,719.61	\$243,613.00	\$289,993.74	\$307,229.74	\$431,998.18	\$194,532.40	\$239,214.29	\$246,908.64	\$262,572.00	\$459,401.90	\$3,220,991.80	
Tarbox	\$41,807.01	\$28,933.88	\$25,063.66	\$24,442.28	\$28,227.68	\$24,807.38	\$23,717.99	\$26,142.49	\$13,463.21	\$13,463.21	\$48,558.21	\$17,074.17	\$315,701.16	Note 1
Focus	\$114,463.13	\$114,463.13	\$114,463.13	\$171,174.80	\$171,174.80	\$106,149.60	\$106,149.60	\$106,149.60	\$6,811.00	\$25,664.03	\$22,132.50	\$125,600.86	\$1,184,396.18	Note 2
Month Total	\$281,794.31	\$344,681.14	\$358,246.40	\$439,230.08	\$489,396.22	\$438,186.72	\$561,865.77	\$326,824.49	\$259,488.50	\$286,035.88	\$333,262.71	\$602,076.93	\$4,721,089.14	
				_						_				
					Total through I	Effective Date		\$3,240,225.13			Total through	4/30/2011	\$4,721,089.14	
				_						·-				
	Total nost-Effective Date									¢4 400 064 04				

Total post-Effective Date \$1,480,864.01 Average Per Month (Entire Case) \$393,424.10

- Note 1 May-December 2010 totals for Tarbox Law, P.C. are derived from the spreadsheet of time entries provided by Mr. Tarbox. The January-February, 2011 statement was combined, and the total has been equally divided between the two months.
- Note 2 For Focus Management, only three fee statements were provided pre-Effective Date, which fee statements covered May-July, 2010, August-September, 2010, and October-December, 2010. The numbers appears hear are the average monthly amounts per fee statement.